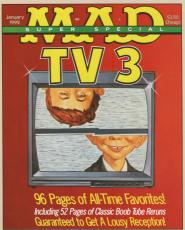


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Oh yeah? If you're so smart, then answer us this II male dogs don't go into heat, where do we get hat NICK-AT NIGHT I just read the letters section in issue #302

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A LETTER FROM THE SIMPSONS

THE SIMPSONS

Dear Clods.

Thanks for putting me on the cover of your magazine. haven't read the article vet, but Maggie seems to be enjoying it.



This letter and original artwork from The Simpsons recently arrived in our mailbox. Oddly, while Maggie was busying herself with another under achieving issue of MAD, Bart and Lisa were parked in front of their TV sot, engrossed in another hilarious episade of The Cosby Showl Go figure!

FRIEND OF WILDLIFE?

As a hunter, trapper and fisherman, I was very disappointed to see your anti-hunting and anti-trapping comments in MAD #302 ("Babar's Final Adventure" and "The Lighter Side"). Your articles showed the same naive and narrow-minded views about wildlife that most animal-rights people have. This is an issue that you know little about, and until you print articles like "The Lighter Side of Overpopulated and Starving Animals' or have Duck Edwing do some carroons about fox and mink dying from mange, I suggest you stay away from it. Ionathan Carson Chosebury WI

on boy...We have printed articles like the you suggest. It's obvious you missed MAD #270 from which the following panel is reproduced

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Oh boy! Oh boy! I love lemonade, don't Mike Hall

Royal Oak, MI e—That isn't lemonade.—Ed

Bad news, Kaputniki MY Those lab tests are in....You've got GOD MINK MANGE

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TRIBE AND TRIBULATIONS DEPT.

What do Flashdance, Dirty Dancing and the following film have in common? The fact that they all have the word "dance" in the title? No... The fact that they were all spoofed in MAD by artist Mort Drucker and with the Mark No. Packas in the said. writer Stan Hart? No ... Perhaps it's that in each

DUN writer Stan mart? No...Perhaps it's that in e of these films the star dances with a dangerous h animal? Close...but still not the "Bingo!" ans How about that none of these films dealt serior with the plight of the American Indian? Bingo! Here'









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TALES FROM THE DUCK SIDE DEPT

THE PROVERBIAL POSTAL/POOCH PARABLE PART I













HEADS OF GRATE DEPT.

Question: Aside from sitting and scratching themselves on national TV, what do athletes in the NBA, the NFL and Major League Baseball have in common? Answer: Commissioners! Yep, from football to hockey to baseball to golf, every really big-time sport has a commissioner, a person who can arbitrate, mediate, dictate and investigate every situation, big or small, But if commissioners are such a good idea for organized professional sports, why shouldn't other well-established groups have their own commissioners? Something like the people that we have featured in this incredibly exciting and mentally stimulating feature entitled ...

"OTHER" *COMMISSIONERS*

Commissioner of FEMINISTS

Commissioner of

LITTLE LEAGUE PARENTS

THE BEST MAN FOR THE JOB NAME: Gloria Kielchutt NICKNAME: "The Velvet Fist" AGE: "Age is an exploitive, maleperpetuated concept that all women should reject." HOW ELECTED: By default, after her opponent, former Playmate Babs Cummings, was found guilty of stuffing ballot boxes, not to mention her own bra. FAVORITE SONG: He's Havin' Mu Baby, by Paula and the Wishful RECENT QUOTE: "Men-Can't Live With 'Em, Can't Kill 'Em'

MAN MOST ADMIRED: Phil Donahue, for being a sensitive supporter of "women's causes."

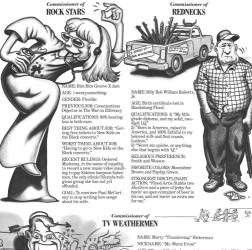
WOMAN MOST ADMIRED: Marlo Thomas, for ordering Phil Donahue to be a sensitive supporter of "women's causes."

LATEST RULING: Suspended two feminists from the National Organization of Women for having a sense of humor

NAME: Fred Teeman NICKNAME: "The Screamer" AGE: 38 chronologically: 11 emotionally HOW ELECTED: Voted loudest

and most obnoxious parent at league championship game. FAMILY: Wife Midge ("A great General Manager"t Sons, Jimmy 10 ("The next Nolan Ryan"), Ricky 8 ("The next Robin Yount"): Daughter Molly, 5 ("The next

Margo Adams LAST BOOK READ: How to Make a 12-Year-Old Shortstop Cru PHILOSOPHY: "If your team is actually enjoying Little League, you're not putting enough pres-





AGE: "29-and like the barometric pressure, rising! Yuk, yuk!" HOW ELECTED: Wrote winning slogans in TV weatherman

bumper sticker contest for last two years: "May the Closest You Come to a Drought Be a Dry Martini!" 2) "Flood Victims are All Wet"

PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT: Was the first weatherman to identify "Hurricane Shecky." LENGTH OF TERM: Until the station manager tires of his

sophomoric schtick and replaces him with a new weather guy with a totally different sophomoric schtick. RECENT ON-AIR QUOTE "To a lot of people, weather

conditions are significant. What a bunch of losers" PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY: "Keep your weathercast light. For every person killed in a tornado, thousands are having barbecues someplace else!"



Commissioner of

NICKNAME: "Bad News"

HOW ELECTED: Defeated incumbent "Big Johnny" Lugnuts by revealing that in 1986, Johnny failed to pad the bill on a brake job he did for his mother.

FAVORITE SONG: "The sound of an engine that needs a tuneup." LENGTH OF TERM: 5 years, or 5,000 creative excuses why a customer's car "Won't be ready till Monday."

LATEST RULING: Fined Eddie "The Dipstick" Miller \$100 for having insufficient grease under his fingernails.

PERSONAL CREED: "I use only the finest replacement parts. whether a customer needs them or not." Commissioner of

Commissioner of CLASS CLOWNS



NAME: Willard "Pops" Watson NICKNAME: "Other drivers have plenty of names for me, but I can

AGE: seventysomething HOW ELECTED: Over a five-mile stretch of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, other motorists flipped him the bird an unprecedented 39

LATEST ACHIEVEMENT: Sold one million "Honk if you wantmy hearing aid's turned OFF: bumper stickers through a single ad in Modern Maturity. BEST PART OF JOB: "Getting to

decide how many miles under the speed limit my fellow senior drivers will drive each week." WORST PART OF JOB: "Trying to decide how far to pull my hat down on my head when I drive." GOAL IN LIFE: "Trying to

remember which exit I have to go to to get to the General Store.

NAME: Eddy "Rubber Vomit

AGE: 12 HOW ELECTED: By "show of moons" at the Class Clown

LAST BOOK READ: How to Imi tate the Handicapped Tastefully and Still Get Big Laughs GOALS: To get Bart Simpson's face on a U.S. postage stamp. To perfect a safe nuclearpowered joy buzzer.

MOST RECENT RULING: Named Teddy Cozza, 11, "Class Clown of the Week" for drawing a moustache on the face of his teacher, Miss Rosco, while she was lying in state at Bowers Mortuary ONE-SENTENCE OUTLOOK ON LIFE: "When in doubt, burn real



MAIM THAT TUNE DEPT Each year millions of tiny kids are herded

into day care centers and Sunday schools where they are commanded to join in the they are old enough to read and understand the lyrics. The result is tradically predictable. They sing the words they think they hear, and form a pattern that often lasts a lifetime. Many preoccupied grownups keep right on singing the same muddled words to the same somes in the same way. This, of course, makes us sound like a nation of idiots. as we stand reverently at such somber events as natriotic rallies, church services and even baseball games to fill the air with ...

OMEDIED'S

AS THEY SOUND

My Uncle, Liz And Me













Let's clean 'til Spring.



No way can you see through this song's early light What had sounded like hail at the night light's loud screaming



On the rampage with scotch while the gals were all steaming.



And our pockets were bare When they first hit the air As they proved we were right and our bags were still there



For the mandolin is free. And our home is a care











Your boot is full of spacey guys, And candles made by Jane,











Have been smashed to smithereens.









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A PEW TO A KILL DEPT.

Some skeptics question, is there a God? Some TV viewers question, if there is a God, how could he let a show like this get on the air? Of course, we're talking about...







Jouly Miseries







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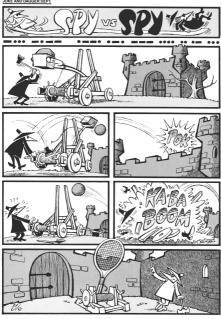














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... is the time of the year when politicians who have passed legislation that's destroyed rivers and forests show their concern for ecology by planting a tree at a shopping mall.

President's Day



... is the time of the year when greedy store owners honor a President who never told a lie by running deceptive ads, and a President who freed the slaves by keeping American consumers in continual debt.

Memorial Day



... is the time of the year when television announcers tell us to drive carefully so that we can watch race-car drivers kill themselves during the Indiananolis 500.

HOLIDAY BLAHS

St. Patrick's Day



... is the time of the year when we show our respect for Irish-Americans by getting stinking drunk in their honor and throwing up our guts at their parade.

Labor Day



... is the time of the year when we celebrate our last remaining days of vacation by going out and enduring endless traffic jams, or staying in and enduring twenty hours of Jerry Lewis.

Mother's and Father's Day



... are the times of the year when every piece of junk that can't be unloaded on anybody at any other time is advertised as being "perfect for both Mom and Dad."

Columbus Day



... is the time of the year when we commemorate a man who lost two boats and ended up totally off-course by keeping the post office closed.

Halloween



... is the time of the year when stories of ghosts, goblins, and things that go bump in the night pale next to stories about psychos poisoning Trick or Treat candy.

Veteran's Day



... is the time of the year when we show our appreciation to all the old soldiers who hated marching in 10-mile hikes by allowing them to march in 10-mile parades.

Christmas



... is the time of the year when parents have to explain why the same Santa who's so worried about kids being naughty or nice is urging them ₃₄ to smoke and drink in cigarette and liquor ads.

Election Day



... is the time of the year when we officially give someone who has spent \$20 million to get a \$100,000 job the chance to manage our money.

Thanksgiving



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of time before the other networks leap on the Such will surely be the case of the nation's most let's look ahead to the future to some really lame...

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